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ABSTRACT

This book represents the thoughts and experiences of librarians and academics on the changing role of libraries in a global networked community. The first section of the book looks at the agendas for national libraries in a digital world. Issues covered include content and delivery, national policy and practice and strategies for success in a national arena. The second section addresses important issues in the academic library environment. The third section focuses on special projects undertaken by libraries to address specific issues across a variety of domains--the public library, library consortiums, and virtual libraries. The final section raises some policy and practice challenges, considering the concerns of archivists, the role of scientific and technical information dissemination, subject access to Web documents, and the special needs of both libraries and their users in developing nations. Chapters include: (1) "Libraries and the Internet: Policy and Practice in the 21st Century" (Patricia Diamond Fletcher); (2) "Building National Collections of Internet Publications" (Jasmine Cameron and Margaret E. Phillips); (3) "Connectivity, Content and Collaboration: The Canadian Digital Library Experience" (Susan Haigh); (4) "Deposit Collections of Digital Publications: A Pragmatic Strategy" (Jose Luis Borbinha, Fernanda Campos, and Fernando Cardoso); (5) "National Library of Korea: South Korean Government-Run Digital Library--RISS and KRIC" (Ook Lee); (6) "Trends in Web-Based Services in Academic Libraries" (Lynn M. Fountain); (7) "Impact of the Internet on Malaysian Libraries" (Diljit Singh); (8) "The University of Queensland Cybrary: A Virtual Library in a Wired University" (Janine Schmidt, Jennifer Croud, and Deborah Turnbull); (9) "Towards the People's Network: UK Developments and the Work of the EARL Consortium" (Helen Baigent and Chris Moore); (10) "Providing Multilingual Internet Services in the Global Information Environment: WorldLinQProject, Queens Library's Practices" (Xuemao Wang, Malabika Das, Maria V. Sunio, and Andrew N. Schlein); (11) "An Analysis of Using Expert Systems and Intelligent Agents for the Virtual Library Project at the Naval Surface Warfare Center-Carderock Division" (Jay Liebowitz and Monica Adya); (12) "Librarians as Info Architects: New Roles for Archivists and Reference Librarians in the Digital Environment" (Paula J. Wolfe and Lori A. Olson); (13) "Subject Access

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to Quality-Assured World Wide Web Resources: Strategies for Information Professionals" (Robert Newton and David Dixon); (14) "Progress and Prospects for Estonian Libraries" (Sirje Virkus); (15) "The Growing Support Crisis in Federal STI" (R. David Lankes); (16) "Remote Access: The Development of Information Services and Technology in the Global South" (Lucinda R. Zoe); and (17) "Libraries on the Information Highway: Issues and Lessons Learned" (John Carlo Bertot). Includes an index. (AEF)

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